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1. The Deutsche Waren-Vertriebsgesellschaft (D.V), Berlin W8, Friedrichstrasse 61, is directly under the Central Committee of the SED. The D.V is concerned chiefly with illegal trade. It maintains warehouses of coffee and cigarettes which are smuggled into Western areas. The exact location of the warehouses is not known, but it is alleged that they are in the vicinity of Christinen- and Schwedter Strasse, Berlin N 54.

2. The following are the leading personnel of the D.V:

First Director: Willy Richter 25X1 25X1 25X1

First Deputy Director: Artur Foetzold 1/ 25X1 25X1 25X1

Second Deputy Director: Herbert Schultze 25X1

Third Deputy Director and Manager of the Polygraphic Department: Fritz Neubert 25X1 25X1

Head of the Department for Austria: Werner Herbst 25X1 25X1

Compensation Department: Heinz Struewing 25X1 25X1 25X1

Head of the Personnel Department: Hans Gabel 25X1

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| First Deputy: | Konrad Bartz | 25X1 |
| Second Deputy: | Mrs. (fnu) Rennenkamp | 25X1 |
| Head of General Administration: | (fnu) Metzger | 25X1 |
| Head Bookkeeper: | Helene Franke | 25X1 |
| Secretary: | Gertrud Roemer | 25X1 |
| Head of the Illegal Warehouses: | (fnu) Merbke | 25X1 |
| Head of the Department for Western Currency Dealings: | Herbert Neuen | 25X1 |
| SED Factory Group Head: | Alfred Freissler | 25X1 |
| FDJ Chairman: | Erika Wagner | 25X1 |
| Without a definite job designation: | Willi Lemmel | 25X1 |

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